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Washington, D.C.- Today, Congressman Sires joined his colleagues in the House of Representatives in passing H.R. 3183 the fiscal year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill by a vote of 320 to 97. This bill makes a number of key investments in clean energy, energy independence, environmental cleanup, nuclear non-proliferation, and water infrastructure totaling \$33.2 billion in funding.

"I am particularly pleased by the \$2.25 billion in investments for energy efficiency and renewable energy included in this bill. This funding will increase investments in technologies that use energy more effectively and produce clean, inexpensive energy from domestic sources which will assist in making America a leader in clean energy and less dependant on foreign oil," stated Congressman Sires.

In addition, H.R. 3183 provides \$5.5 billion to the Army Corps of Engineers to address the nation's water resource investment needs, including the deepening of the New York and New Jersey Harbor. The bill also includes \$208 million for electricity delivery and energy reliability to modernize and secure the nation's electricity grid, as well as \$1.5 billion towards nuclear nonproliferation to protect the American people by reducing the risk that more countries will acquire nuclear weapons and improve our ability to top nuclear and radiological materials and weapons from being smuggled into the United States. Furthermore, \$5.4 billion would be provided for environmental clean-up to mitigate the environmental impacts of over a half-century of national security and civilian nuclear activity.

The bill is now awaiting action in the Senate.

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